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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist. and SEN. SOMERS of the 18th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE ISSUES CONCERNING POLYPHARMACY AND MEDICATION RECONCILIATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Polypharmacy" means the simultaneous use of multiple drugs
- 3 by a patient to treat one or more ailments or conditions;
- 4 (2) "Medication reconciliation" means the process of comparing a
- 5 patient's admission, discharge and transfer medication orders to all of
- 6 the medications the patient has been taking for the purpose of
- 7 avoiding medication errors, including omission, duplication, dosing
- 8 errors and drug interactions; and
- 9 (3) "Prescribing practitioner" means a physician, dentist, podiatrist,
- 10 optometrist, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or
- 11 nurse-midwife licensed by the state of Connecticut and authorized to
- 12 prescribe medication within the scope of such person's practice.

13 (b) The Health Information Technology Officer designated under
 14 section 19a-755 of the general statutes shall establish a working group
 15 to evaluate issues concerning polypharmacy and medication
 16 reconciliation. The members of the working group, who shall be
 17 appointed by the Health Information Technology Officer, shall
 18 include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- 19 (1) Two experts in polypharmacy;
- 20 (2) Two experts in medical reconciliation;
- 21 (3) A representative of the Department of Consumer Protection;
- 22 (4) A pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes;
- 23 (5) A prescribing practitioner; and
- 24 (6) A member of the State Health Information Technology Advisory
 25 Council established pursuant to section 17b-59f of the general statutes.

26 (c) Not later than July 1, 2019, the Health Information Technology
 27 Officer shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 28 of the general statutes, regarding the findings and recommendations of
 29 the working group to the joint standing committees of the General
 30 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
 31 general law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b)(6), "Health Information Technology Advisory Council" was changed to "State Health Information Technology Advisory Council" for accuracy.

PH Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill, which establishes a polypharmacy and medication reconciliation working group, does not result in a fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/23/2018)